

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Internet-based facsimile prints an image shown
by the image data attached to the e-mail when e-mail
addressed to itself arrives. However, the Internet-
5 based facsimile requests the format converter to
convert the format of the image data if the image
data is of the file format which the Internet-based
facsimile is unable to process. The format converter
converts the format of the image data to the predeter-
10 mined format in response to the request from the
Internet-based facsimile and returns it to the
Internet-based facsimile that originally requested the
conversion. The Internet-based facsimile prints the
image shown by the image data returned from the format
15 converter.